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PARIS PASS SECRETARY VANCE AND DR. BRZESINSKI

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: PINT, IN
SUBJECT: DESAI SETS THREE CONDITIONS FOR SIGNING THE NPT.

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED.

1. PRIME MINISTER DESAI IS QUOTED BY THE JANUARY 5
INDIAN PRESS AS HAVING TOLD A TEAM OF AMERICAN
TELEVISION INTERVIEWERS JANUARY 4 THAT INDIA
WOULD NEITHER ACCEPT INTERNATIONAL INSPECTIONS
NOR SIGN THE NPT AS LONG AS THE WEAPONS POWERS
CONTINUED THE DISCRIMINATORY CHARACTER OF THE
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NPT. HE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT INDIA WOULD, HOW-
EVER, SIGN THE NPT IF THE NUCLEAR POWERS MET THREE
CONDITIONS:
1. THEY MUST GIVE UP ALL NUCLEAR TESTING.
2. THEY MUST STOP ADDING TO THEIR STOCK-
PILES AND DECIDE TO PROGRESSIVELY DISMANTLE
THEIR NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND

3. THEY THEMSELVES MUST ACCEPT THE FULL
SCOPE SAFEGUARDS THEY ARE SUGGESTING TO
OTHERS.

2. DESAI REPORTEDLY SAID IT WAS NOT A QUESTION OF
HIS OR INDIA'S BEING AGAINST SAFEGUARDS OR THE NPT.
THEY QUESTION REALLY WAS THAT THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS
POWERS WERE PROLIFERATING THEIR WEAPONS, ADDING TO THEIR
NUCLEAR ARSENALS, AND TESTING NEW DEVICES. THEY WERE
DISCRIMINATING AGAINST COUNTRIES LIKE INDIA WHICH HAD
PLEDGED NOT TO USE NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR WAR-LIKE
PURPOSES AND WHICH HAD FORESWORN FURTHER UNDERGROUND
TESTING.

3. THE TEXT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S REMARKS IS NOT
AVAILABLE HERE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WERE MADE
IN INTERVIEWS WITH ALL THREE NETWORKS BUT DESAI WAS
MOST EXPLICIT IN TALKING TO NBC ON JANUARY 3. IF DEPARTMENT
IS ABLE TO OBTAIN A COPY OF TRANSCRIPT, EMBASSY WOULD
APPRECIATE RECEIVING TEXT. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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4. COMMENT: THE PRIME
MINISTER'S STATEMENT OF THE CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR INDIA
TO SIGN THE NPT DOES NOT REPRESENT A SHIFT IN INDIAN
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POLICY. RATHER HE HAS MERELY SPELLED OUT THE GOI
POSITION, WHICH DATES BACK TO THE LATE 1960'S WHEN THE
NPT WAS SIGNED, THAT THE NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME
ESPOUSED BY THE WEAPONS STATES IS DISCRIMINATORY AND ONLY
WHEN THAT IS RECTIFIED CAN INDIA ACCEPT FULL SCOPE SAFEGUARDS.
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